GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government regarding fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for various agricultural produces in the country;

(b) whether the Government have announced MSP for various agricultural produces and if so, the details thereof, produce-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor indicating the extent of loss suffered by farmers as a result thereof, State-wise;

(d) the details of requests received from various States regarding declaration of MSP for various produces alongwith action taken thereon;

(e) the details of recommendations made by Abijit Sen Committee regarding MSP of produces and the action taken on each of the recommendations;

(f) whether the Government agencies are unable to purchase various produces from Mandis and are taking help of Middlemen;

(g) if so, the steps being taken to eliminate the role of middlemen to protect the interest of farmers; and

(h) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to declare the MSP at right time to protect the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Government announces each season the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of major agricultural commodities and organizes purchase operation through public and cooperative agencies such as Food Corporation of India (FCI), Jute Corporation of India (JCI) Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) and Tobacco Board, besides other agencies designated by the State Governments.

(b)&(c): A statement showing the MSPs of major agricultural commodities fixed in recent years is enclosed.

(d): The reports of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) on Price Policy for different crops are circulated among the State Governments for obtaining their comments and the same are taken into account while fixing the MSPs.

(e): The High level Committee to formulate a Long Term Grain Policy has submitted its final report on 31.7.2002. So far as MSP is concerned, the HLC has recommended that the present MSP policy should continue. As such, the present policy to extent the benefits of MSP to farmers would continue.

(f)&(g): The designated central nodal agencies do not take the help of middlemen in purchase operations. To facilitate greater share for the farmers out of produce sold, the State Governments have been advised to amend the Agricultural Produce Marketing Commodities Act to provide for direct marketing etc. as recommended by Inter-Ministerial Task Force on Agricultural Marketing Reforms.

(h): All necessary steps are taken to declare MSPs at the earliest.

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES (According to Crop Year)

(Rs. per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	Special (#) Drought relief price	increase in MSP 2002-03 over 2001-02

1	PADDY	Common	440	490	510	530	530	20 -
		Grade `A`	470	520	540	560	560	20 -
2	JOWAR		390	415	445	485	485	5 -
3	BAJRA		390	415	445	485	485	10 -
4	MAIZE		390	415	445	485	485	5 -
5	RAGI		390	415	445	485	485	5 -
6	WHEAT		550	580	610	620		
7	BARLEY		385	430	500	500		
8	GRAM		895	1015	1100	1200		
9	ARHAR(Tur)		960	1105	1200	1320	1320	5 -
10	MOONG		960	1105	1200	1320	1330	5 10(0.8)
11	URAD		960	1105	1200	1320	1330	5 10(0.8)
12	MASUR (LENTIL)		-	-	1200	1300		
13	SUGARCANE@		52.70	56.10	59.50	62.05		
14	COTTON	F-414/H-777/J34	1440	1575	1625	1675	1675	20 -
		H-4	1650	1775	1825	1875	1875	20 -
15	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL		1040	1155	1220	1340	1355	20 15(1.1)
16	JUTE		650	750	785	810	850	40(4.9)
17	RAPESEED/MUSTARD		1000	1100	1200	1300		
18	SUNFLOWER SEED		1060	1155	1170	1185	1195	15 10(0.8)
19	SOYABEEN	BLACK	705	755	775	795	795	10 -
		YELLOW	795	845	865	885	885	10 -
20	SAFFLOWER		990	1100	1200	1300		
21	TORIA		965	1065	1165	1265		
22	TOBACCO(VFC) (Rs. per kg.)	Black Soil(F2 Gr)	22.50	25.00	26.00	27.00		
		Light Soil (L2 Gr)	25.50	27.00	28.00	29.00		
23	COPRA (Calender Year)	Miling	2900	3100	3250	3300	3300	-
		Ball	3125	3325	3500	3550	3550	-
24	SESAMUM		1060	1205	1300	1400	1450	5 50(3.6)
25	NIGERSEED		850	915	1025	1100	1120	20(1.8)

@ Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 percent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 percent increase in recovery above that level.

The MSP for masur(lentil) has been fixed from the crop year 2000-01.

Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.
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